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In re Application of:
Timothy Charles Sowell

Art Unit: 2164

Application No.: 09/418,943

Examiner: N. Nguyen

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
AND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2001.

REMARKS

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, the Examiner has required election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner has taken the position that the application contains three patentably distinct inventions, i.e., Group I of claims 1-44 and 53-55; Group II of claims 45-50 and 56-58; and Group III of claims 51-52 and 59-73.

The Examiner's restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. However, Group I, consisting of claims 1-44 and 53-55, is provisionally elected.